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St. Cuthbert's Fortune Slave House

Late 18th c.

Private

This house and the main house to which it was attached are no longer standing, but photographs of the 1930's of it show that it represented the log houses typical of the dwellings occupied by slaves and tenants of the 19th century. It was sheathed with weatherboards, whitewashed, and plain in appearance, with a brick chimney ascending one gable end. Presumably it consisted of one room down and another up, since it was small in size and only one bay in length.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

ST. CUTHBERT'S FORTUNE SLAVE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Joseph Way

UNKNOWN: REFER TO H.A.B.S. RECORDS OR TO

CITY, TOWN

Hillville, Hollywood

Vicinity

RECORDS POSSIBLY ON FILE AT MARYLAND

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Md. HISTORICAL TRUST

COUNTY

St. Mary's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Information obtained from H.A.B.S. collection  
in Library of Congress

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

H.A.B.S. File: LC J7-Md. No. 1364

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #:

Folio #:

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Washington Street and Courthouse Drive

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☒ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This slave house and the main house to which it was attached are no longer standing, but photographs of them may be seen in the collection of prints in the H.A.B.S. collection for St. Mary's County in the Library of Congress. From these photographs by Frances B. Johnston the following description may be made.

The house is a one story log dwelling sheathed with overlapping weatherboards. The walls stand on stone pilings. A chimney with a large stone base and a brick stack ascends the exterior of one gable end. The opposite gable end is attached by an enclosed hyphen <sup>h</sup> to the gable end of the main house, indicating this log structure may have served as the kitchen. The exterior has been painted or whitewashed. The front door of plain planks is bordered by a frame of plain boards and has no porch. That door constitutes the only opening into the front. There is no doubt another door in the gable end leading into the hyphen. In the back length there is only a small window which is wider than it is tall. A double hung sash window <sup>with</sup> 4x4 lights is turned on its side and slides horizontally inside the frame which is nailed to the exterior of the wall. The roof is covered with wood shingles.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES Possibly contemporary to main house. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Most of the slave houses of the 18th or 19th centuries have been drastically altered in the 20th. These photographs from the 1930's show those houses in a condition that resembled more closely their original appearance.

NOTE: No photographs were taken.  
Only XEROX copies of photos  
on file in H.A.B.S. records  
at Library of Congress.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

21401

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St. Cuthbert's Fortune.

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